



Department of Environmental Protection

McGilpin Road in Sturbridge Project Update for the Week of January 27, 2017

To date, MassDEP has sampled 11 wells on McGilpin Road. Three of the 11 homes had detections of 1-4 dioxane at levels below the drinking water guidelines. Additionally, 10 of the 11 homes had detections of lead, with four at levels exceeding the EPA action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). Other than metals and one volatile organic compound at levels above detection limits but well below regulatory action levels, no other contaminants have been detected in the wells during this sampling effort.

According to MassDEP protocols, MassDEP is performing additional sampling to include private wells within 500 feet of the affected wells. In the meantime, MassDEP has been in contact with the Sturbridge Board of Health Chair and with homeowners where sampling has been or will be performed. MassDEP is offering to provide bottled water to all homes with detections, even where the contamination is below applicable regulatory standards. MassDEP will continue to provide bottled water until such time as a source and responsible party for the listed contaminants can be identified and/or until the agency is more definitively able to assess the situation and determine any level of risk. MassDEP will continue to evaluate this situation, update homeowners and the Sturbridge Board of Health, and will work to determine the source of the contamination and appropriate response actions.